

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS:

Claims 13 – 24 have been cancelled without prejudice to the patentability of any of these claims. The right to reassert any or all of the cancelled claims in a continuing application is specifically retained by the Applicant.

Claim 1 has been amended by replacing a comma in line 6 with a semicolon in order to improve the clarity of the claim language.

Claims 1 – 12 are in the case.

No new matter has been added.

Repeated request for attention to change of correspondence address and new power of attorney:

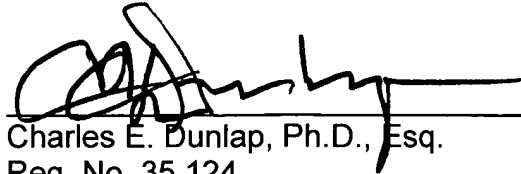
The Office Action dated April 21, 2006, was mailed to the law firm previously handling this case. With respect, the Applicant has previously requested and now repeats its request that the Office change its correspondence address and attorney of record for this case to the firm of the undersigned agent. On June 7, 2005, the Applicant filed a Revocation of Power of Attorney with New Power of Attorney and change of Correspondence Address, as well as assignment documents for recordation. A copy of these documents is enclosed herewith, along with a copy of the return postcard indicating receipt of the documents by the USPTO on June 9, 2005, was attached to the most recent Response. The undersigned notes that a record of the change in correspondence address and change in power of attorney is found in public PAIR for this case, and it is respectfully requested that the change of attorney and the change in correspondence address be used for future correspondence.

Request for reconsideration:

It is respectfully requested that the claims be examined in view of the reasons discussed above and found to be allowable. If it would be helpful, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: June 19, 2006

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles E. Dunlap', is written over a horizontal line.

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